

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

As we enter the season of Advent and beginning preparation for Christmas, it is a good time to reflect on how fortunate we are at St Mary's.

We live in a time and place that see us with few of the challenges that have faced people living in different places and times such as: war, starvation, plague, extremes of cold and heat, lack of access to health or education or alienation from families or friends. Indeed when we think of our lives in these terms we are very lucky.

To this end we are holding a Mufti Day to offer help to people from our community less fortunate than ourselves (for more details read notice on back page). But perhaps we can, in our thoughts and prayers, also remember people from around the world who don't enjoy the same opportunities that we take for granted.

Please note that from next year the Board of Trustees has deemed it to be compulsory for our school crest to be on all **new** school jerseys. To help us achieve the goal of having all school jerseys with the logo attached as soon as possible, we will hold two intakes during the year for jerseys to be taken in and have the crest attached.

Have a great week.

Regards, Mike Brosnahan

Beach Education Days



Grand Launch of our new School Vision Banner

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition. A special thank you to Christine Dyer who has combined the ideas to create this masterpiece. Lookout for this appearing around our school.



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Final Accounts

Recently the final accounts for the school have been sent out, and we would be grateful if you could pay these at your earliest convenience. This would enable us to ensure that all financial matters pertaining to the school are settled by the end of the year.

Senior Swimming

The accounts for senior swimming were included in this invoice. The cost was negotiated with Swimsation on a 'total cost' basis, that is the charge was for one block of nine lessons, not on a charge per lesson. This group price was then heavily subsidized (nearly 50%) by Sport Otago 'Skills 2 Swim' programme.

If you require further clarification please contact Pauline at the office.

Mufti Day - Thursday 3rd Dec Taieri Food Bank

Our Mufti Day this term is to the Taieri Food Bank. Please bring a non perishable food item and/or a gold coin donation. This will be presented to the local Food Bank.

Invitation

An invitation to all our wonderful helpers to come to morning tea at 10.30am on Wednesday 9th December, in the School Library.

Thank you

A big thank you to the kind people who gave up their time on Sunday to take part in our school 'Working Bee'.

All of the main tasks set by the BOT were accomplished and this should leave our school looking neat and tidy over the summer.



Thought for the Week ...

The spirited horse, which will try to win the race of it's own accord, will run even faster if encouraged.

Ovid

Altar Servers 6th Dec: James McNeilly, Mitchell Cumming, Chance Peita, & Michael Hanrahan.

Sports Photos

The children's sports photos are on the notice-board in the foyer, if you wish to order please write on an envelope the **photo number, your name**, the cost is \$5 each.

These will be laminated.

Orders by 11th December please.

Looking Ahead: December

- 2nd No **Hot** Smart Lunches - cold lunches still available \$2 sm or Lg \$3.
- 2nd First Reconciliation 7pm Holy Cross
- 3rd Mufti Day
- 4th No 'Angels' T-Ball practice today.
Room 7 Mass 9.10am
- 9th Helpers' Morning Tea 10.30am
- 10th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 14th School Production Matinee
- 14th Kavanagh Pantomime 9am
- 15th PTA -Thank you BBQ lunch
provided for children
Yr7/8 DARE Day
- 16th School Production 7pm
- 17th End of Year Mass **6pm***
- 18th Teacher Only Day

School T Shirt Stock Take

So as to ascertain whether we need to purchase a new set of school sports T-shirts, we need to have a stock take of all the current number of T- shirts that we hold. To this end we need all pupils who **do not** play a summer sport for our school e.g, touch or T-ball, to **return their T-shirts to their class teacher** as soon as possible.

Pupils who are playing a summer sport but have more than one T-shirt need to select the one that fits them best and return the other(s) to their class teacher. Once summer sports are finished for the year all remaining T-shirts need to be handed in.

